

I am a flight attendant and believe that allowing passengers to use cell phones in flight would create a very unsafe environment. Because the use of cell phones are allowed when the main cabin door is open before departure, it is already a difficult task to have passengers listen to the safety announcement when other passengers are talking on their cell phones. Passengers that are seated in the emergency exits rows that are talking on their cell phones actually ignore the required briefing and when asked to stop and acknowledge the briefing, get angry. The NPRM would leave it up to flight attendants to police the use of cell phones onboard the aircraft compromising our ability to maintain a safe, secure cabin environment and to conduct emergency evacuations. It would make an already tense cabin environment even more stressful.

I could see that cell phone use would enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively. Calling with current location and status of the flight, etc. Before allowing the use of cell phones in flight, the FCC should coordinate with Homeland Security and the FAA to explore the added potential for security risks and issues this action cause.

Please do not wait for another 9/11 before taking the correct actions.

Regards,

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